Audit of Haj Committee Accounts

938. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Haj Committee Accounts are audited and Balance Sheets are prepared; if so, upto which year the audit has been completed;

(b) the details of the income and expenditure accounts of the Haj Committee for the last three years;

(c) the total amount collected from Haj pilgrims towards air fare and the amount paid to Air India or to the Air Charters during the last three years; and

(d) what is the amount of subsidy given by Government in respect of each Hajee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI KAMALA SINHA): (a) The accounts of the Haj Committee have been audited for 1994-95 and balance sheets have been proposed for 1995-96.

(b) The details of the Income and Expenditure accounts of the Haj Committee for the last three years are as under:

	Year	Income	Expenditure
(i)	1993-94	Rs. 85,20,035 (including opening balance of Rs. 18,38,217)	Rs. 69,66,285
(ii)	1994-95	Rs. 2,98,79,444 (including opening balance of Rs.15,35,740	Rs. 2,87,11,835
(iii)	1995-96	Rs. 6,74,51,257 (including opening balance of Rs. 11,69,608)	Rs. 3,35,82,038

(c) The amount on account of Airfare has been collected by the Haj Committee at the rate of Rs. 12,000 per pilgrim during last three years and the same has been to Air Charter/Air India.

(d) The amount of subsidy given by the Government per pilgrim during last three years is as under:

	Year	Amount
(i)	1995	Rs. 5,500
(ii)	1996	Rs. 7,640
(iii)	1997	Rs. 16,924

Three Pronged Pak-Offensive Against India

939. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report appearing in the Times of India dated June 30, 1997, captioned "Pakistan offensive";

(b) if so, the details of the three-pronged offensive to be adopted by Pakistan as a reaction to India's Prithvi Missile, as per Government's official information; and

(c) what is Government's reaction to this offensive?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government are aware that Pakistan maintains a military arsenal far in excess of its legitimate defence requirements. Government are also aware of persistent Pakistani propaganda regarding the Prithvi missile, including letters addressed by the Prime Minister of Pakistan to the Heads of State/Government of the P-5 countries. Such propaganda is inconsistent with the firm intention of both countries to eschew hostile propaganda and provocative actions. This intention is contained in the Joint Statement issued at the conclusion of the Foreign Secretary—level talks held in Islamabad in June 1997.

(c) Government closely monitor all developments including those relating tc Pakistan's missile programme and are committed to taking all necessary steps to